

REMARKS

Claims 27, 28, 32, 33, 37, and 39 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 27 and 32 are amended, and claims 30 and 35 are canceled. Support for the amendments to the claims may be found, for example, in claims 30 and 35. No new matter is added.

In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 28, 30, 33, and 35 contain allowable subject matter.

By this Amendment, the allowable subject matter of claim 30 is incorporated into independent claim 27, and claim 30 is canceled. Also by this Amendment, the allowable subject matter of claim 35 is incorporated into independent claim 32, and claim 35 is canceled. Therefore, the rejection of claims 27 and 32 is obviated.

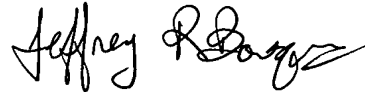
Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 27 and 32 are allowable. Claims 37 and 39 variously depend from claim 32 and, therefore, also are allowable. Accordingly, allowance of claims 27, 28, 32, 33, 37, and 39 is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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